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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Preparations for NSC Meeting on MX

1. I am pulling together, with the help of OSWR, our judgments on the ability of the Soviets to react to [] including an ABM-defended system, for the mid-November NSC meeting. I plan to have this ready for you on 15 November. 25X1

--OSWR is preparing a paper on Soviet capabilities in this area. It will be based on the OSWR and WSSIC papers you have seen, as well as new and modified judgments based on very recent work by OSWR and supporting contractors.

--We will also address different views on Soviet response capabilities, in the Townes Panel report, a DIA Advisory Committee report, and any others we discover.

--I plan to include a set of clear, comprehensible talking points on our judgments, for your use at the NSC. These will be structured as Soviet responses in several future time periods. [] 25X1

2. On 4 November the Air Force MX office briefed [] and me on their final recommendations to Secretary Weinberger. This presentation, given to Secretary Shultz on Monday, will be given to you when you return, probably on 17 November. [] 25X1

3. A copy of the Townes Panel report has been provided to us by DoD, and has been sent to you for your use next week. [] 25X1

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